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RED CROSS WOMEN ARE RAPID SANDWICH COOKS

CHICAGO, May 19.—"Troop train arrives in one hour," was the terse message received by the Chicago Red Cross canteen, and in 45 minutes a thousand sandwiches and 75 gallons of coffee had been prepared and were awaiting distribution in the railroad yards.

Similar messages are being received daily, and as many as 1,500 soldiers have been given food, drink, cigarettes and magazines in a single day in the railroad yards by the canteen's or more volunteer workers. The canteen was started with a team of 12 workers. Since the homecoming movement of troops has increased in recent weeks the Chicago canteen on the lake front, the largest of the 700 canteens in America, has been taxed to capacity. Kitchen cars loaded with steaming coffee, doughnuts and the new famous jam sandwiches thread their way through the yards of 27 railroads to fulfill the canteen's motto that no soldier shall leave Chicago hungry.

The kitchen cars follow in the wake of ambulances which rush the sick and wounded to the canteen's first aid station and thence to hospitals after which reports on their condition are submitted to the war department.

"But our work doesn't stop there," said Mrs. George A. McKillop, commandant of the canteen. "There is the discharged soldier who must not go hungry while finding a job. He knows there is food for him here and he also knows that the service department will give him every aid in finding work."

"Of course the wounded men get first attention. We have made it a point to see that no wounded man passes through Chicago without a hot meal if the train passes for an hour. After wounds are dressed here at the canteen hospital rooms the patient is given a hot meal, a satisfying meal, and then returned to his train."

"And the boys appreciate it. Only a few days ago a train, unavoidably delayed without food and for a time without water. The men were downhearted and sulky. The train rolled into the yards. The mental change was amazing after hot coffee, sandwiches, cigarettes and chocolate had been distributed. When the train started west from Chicago, 'God bless the Red Cross' had been scribbled over the sides of the cars with chalk. The men were singing and waving."

In the kitchen a number of women, most of them social leaders in Chicago, were scraping pans, stirring steaming pots and mopping up a floor already scrubbed pale. One woman, the mop suspended, said: "In the verbiage of the professional scrubwomen, we are right up and at 'em."

"Of course, we are all very tired," said Mrs. McKillop, surveying the group of perspiring women. "but the work must go on until all our boys are safely home. Every worker knows her task and performs it without question. Only today Gen. Leonard Wood visited here and paid us a grand compliment by saying he had never fancied such discipline as is observed here could obtain in a camp of women."

"I'm sailing for France on Friday. I'm going to tell them over there what we've done over here; then I'm coming back and tell the workers in America what has been done in France."

U. S. WAR STUFF SALE IN ENGLAND IS TASK

LONDON, May 19. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Disposition of American army supplies in England will be a big and complicated task. Owing to the nature of certain contracts and an agreement with the British government, the army can not begin selling material for at least a month yet in the opinion of army officers, but they are preparing the way now. Some material still is being delivered to the army while other contracts are held in abeyance pending settlement.

When the United States entered the war it was agreed that all contracts for supplies should be made through the British government. It also was agreed that at the termination of hostilities the United States should not sell material without consent of the British government nor could any of the contracts arranged through the British be cancelled except by negotiations through that government.

Even if there are some delays the United States doubtless will profit on many of its sales. No agreement could be reached with the firm which held a contract to deliver to the American army about 200 huge gasoline tanks for use in France. Delivery is continuing but it is not worrying quartermaster officers as the army already has been offered more than the contract price for the lot. With some other material the same situation obtains.

The work of settling unfinished contracts is progressing but British officials are unwilling for a huge amount of material to be suddenly dumped on the market notwithstanding there is an insistent demand for some of it at inflated prices. British officials say there is no desire whatever to deprive Americans of an advantageous market but they argue that they also must consider the disposal of the enormous amount of British army supplies stored in England.

The American Red Cross had no agreement with the British government and of necessity disposed of its transport equipment for approximately \$27,500. The purchase price was \$24,500 and the equipment had been in use a year. Any kind of a motor is in great demand in England. No record has been kept of the total amount of contracts allotted for the American army in Great Britain but, like everything in the war, it was measured in huge figures. It is estimated, however, that the Ordnance contracts alone amounted to about \$500,000,000. Much of this, of course, will not bring as good returns as the materials coming under jurisdiction of the quartermaster's department.

SPOTTED TYPHUS STOPS NORWEGIAN TRAVEL

STOCKHOLM, May 19. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Passenger traffic on Russian railroads has ceased ostensibly because of the spread of spotted typhus, but really because there are no locomotives to spare and because there is a great shortage of fuel, according to I. Hensen, the former editor of the Petrograd Bolshevik. Thanks to heavy bribing he has just managed to leave Petrograd, which he said was in desperate straits.

At the Petrograd works, where formerly 15,000 men were employed, only a very few are now to be seen, said Mr. Hensen to the Associated Press. "Sabotage prevails. Locomotives can not be repaired nor constructed. The only one the Bolsheviks have is valued at 4,000,000 rubles."

In Petrograd a piece of firewood costs four rubles, bread 20 rubles a pound, meat 30 rubles, 12 and butter the same. Maxim Gorky, the novelist, has at his disposition 10,000,000 rubles for printing books, but no supporting authors and tutors, but no books can be printed as long as paper is five rubles a pound.

"Why the Bolshevik regime has not fallen puzzles everyone, particularly the Bolsheviks themselves. Time after time they have expected their fall and prepared to quit. Each time something happened that improved their chances. Last autumn when Perm was taken by the Czechs, when armed forces threatened from the Ukraine and the Baltic, everyone was sure it was the beginning of the end. And then, instead, came the invitation to Prince's island."

Not even one per cent of the population is in favor of Bolshevism. Bolshevik troops fight without knowing why, but continue for fear of being shot if they disobey. If given an opportunity they desert at once. An example of this was the action of what was considered a model regiment in Petrograd. The men, 3,000 of them, were sent from their barracks to the railway station to entrain for the Narva. When the train arrived there were just eight men who had obeyed instructions to entrain. If there is no intervention soon pure anarchy will rule Russia. Trotsky and Lenin are gradually being pushed aside and real criminals will succeed to the places of power.

There is not a single throb, in a single human bosom, that does not thrill at once with more than shivering speed up to the mighty heart of God. You have not shed a tear or sighed a sigh that did not come back to you exalted and purified by having passed through the Eternal bosom.



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SIR OLIVER LODGE TO GIVE TIME TO SPIRITS

LONDON, May 19.—Sir Oliver Lodge, the British scientist who 10 years ago started the world with his assertion

that communication could be established with the dead, has announced his resignation as principal of Birmingham University.

"I intend," he says, "to devote the remainder of my life to the problem of the ether of space in both its physical and psychological relations. In the

region of conjoint physics and psychology there is much work to be done. In a book recently published by Sir Oliver he wrote of the existence of his dead son in the spirit world and of long conversations between them.

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